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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

SAITO ET AL.

Examiner

Caridad M. Everhart

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 April 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18, 20 and 22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 3-5, 9, 12, 14, 16, 18 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 2, 6-8, 10-11, 13, 15, 17 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

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Applicant's arguments with respect to claims ^{1, 2, 6-8, 10-11, 13, 15, 17} have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Applicant has amended to include the limitation "primarily visible light", and applicant's arguments are based upon this new limitation.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claims 1,2,6-8,10-11,13,15, and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Byun, et al. (US 5,744,398) in view of Komatsu (US 5,654,242) and further in view of Weiner(US 5,569,624) and further in view of Nakamura, et al (US 2005/0142818A1) .

Byun, et al disclose the steps of forming a gate dielectric, depositing a tungsten silicide layer, doping the silicide layer, heat treating the silicide layer, patterning the silicide to form a gate, and forming source and drain regions by implanting, using the gate as a mask(col. 1, lines 62-67; col. 2, lines 1-5 and 10-20; and col. 3,lines 18-24).

Byun, et al is silent with respect to the control of the work function and with respect to the use or irradiating for the heat treatment and with respect to visible light.

Komatsu discloses the control of the work function of a tungsten silicide gate in a CMOS device by implantation and heat treatment of the silicide gate(col. 1, lines 17-21; col. 11, lines 63-67; col. 12, lines 66-67; col. 13, lines 1-14 and 51-55).

Weiner teaches the equivalence of furnace heating with rapid thermal anneal in the heating of an implanted layer(col. 5, lines 65-67 and col. 6, lines 1-3). Weiner also teaches the use of laser anneal(col. 4, lines 45-53).

Nakamura et al teaches that YAG laser is a visible light laser(paragraph 0173) and teaches YAG laser annealing(paragraph 0173).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention that the work function was controlled in the process taught by Byun, et al because Komatsu teaches that the implantation and heating steps control the work function of a tungsten silicide gate. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to have used irradiation in the method taught by Byun, et al because Weiner teaches the equivalence of furnace heat treatment such as used by Byun, et al and irradiation such as rapid thermal treatment, which is irradiation using a lamp, which is an incoherent source of radiation. It would also have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to have used coherent radiation such as laser radiation as taught by Weiner in the process taught by Byun, et al because Weiner teaches that this method prevents the dopant from being driven into the substrate from the silicide(col. 4, lines 48-53). In addition, because Weiner teaches YAG laser (col. 4, lines 65-67), it would have been obvious to one of

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ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention that this encompasses visible light because Nakamura et al teaches that the YAG laser is a visible light laser.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 3-5,9,12,14,16, and 18 are allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Caridad M. Everhart whose telephone number is 571-272-1892. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Fridays 7:30-4:00.

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a). Applicant's amendment necessitated the new grounds of rejection.


A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the mailing date of this final action.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Matthew S. Smith can be reached on 571-272-1907. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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